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SUBJ: PROPOSAL BEFORE COMMITTEE OF CITY COUNCIL TO CHANGE NAME OF UNITED NATIONS PLAZA TO ZION SQUARE

1. PARKS COMMITTEE OF NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL IS SCHEDULED TO MEET AT 10:00 HOURS ON FEBRUARY 5 TO CONSIDER PROPOSAL TO CHANGE SEGMENT OF STREET NAME OF UNITED NATIONS PLAZA TO ZION SQUARE. CHANGE WOULD AFFECT WEST SIDE OF UNITED NATIONS PLAZA BETWEEN 45 AND 46 STREETS ONLY (NEXT TO USUN AND FACING UN HEADQUARTERS).

2. CONCERN OVER POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF PROPOSAL HAS BEEN COMMUNICATED TO PARKS COMMITTEE BY OWNERS AND TENANTS OF BUILDINGS WHICH WILL BE AFFECTED. THEY INCLUDE NEW YORK CITY COMMISSION FOR UNITED NATIONS AND CONSULAR CORPS, AND INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION. OTHERS IN BLOCKS NEARBY (UN ASSOCIATION, UN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION) ARE ALSO EXPRESSING OPPOSITION.

3. USUN HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH NEW YORK CITY COMMISSION AND OTHER NEW YORK CITY OFFICIALS IN AN ATTEMPT TO HEAD OFF ACTION. AMB WHITE HAS SPOKEN WITH JEWISH LEADERS, AMB SHARAF (JORDAN) AND AMB ELIAV (ISRAEL). ARAB REPRESENTATIVES ARE MEETING THIS AFTERNOON TO DISCUSS SITUATION AND AMB WHITE URGED AMB SHARAF THAT THEY MAKE NO PUBLIC STATEMENT WHICH
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MIGHT MAKE ACTION BY PARKS COMMITTEE INEVITABLE. MRS.

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FRANCES LOEB, NEW YORK CITY COMMISSIONER, HAS URGED PARKS
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TO DELAY VOTE BUT FEELS HE WILL NOT.
AMB MOYNIHAN IS SENDING LETTER TO CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT O'DWYER
IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSAL.

4. IF PARKS COMMITTEE ACTS TOMORROW, BILL MUST GO TO FULL
COUNCIL WHERE PASSAGE IS CONSIDERED INEVITABLE. ALTHOUGH MAYOR
COULD VETO, IT IS CONSIDERED HIGHLY UNLIKELY HE WOULD FEEL
ABLE TO DO SO.

5. WE WILL ADVISE DEPARTMENT OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS AS
THEY OCCUR.
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